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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of:

Jashawant J. Modi )  
SER. NO: 08/992,150 )  
FILED: December 17, 1997 ) ART UNIT: 1617  
FOR: Hydrophobically Modified Polysaccharide) EXAMINER: E.J. Webman  
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This is in response to the Requirement or Restriction under 35 USC121 mailed from US Patent and Trademark Office on April 27, 2000, which sets a one-month period for response until May 27, 2000.

Applicant notes that this response is being submitted prior to the expiration of the initial due date of May 27, 2000, whereby an extension of time and an extension of time fee are not required for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any government fees are required for maintaining the pendency of this application, including